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STATE SENATOR PEACOCK CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL "EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM"

District 37 State Senator Barrow Peacock (R-Shreveport) will join a select group of legislators from across the country in July to participate in the 2013 Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Virginia. The national program, sponsored by the non-profit, non-partisan State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF) and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, is designed to enhance the leadership potential and vision of policymakers judged to be potential future state leaders. Senate President John Alario nominated Sen. Peacock for the leadership conference.

"Sen. Peacock has proven to be a dedicated legislator who does his homework, working tirelessly to represent his constituents," President Alario said. "He is always engaged in important policy discussions and brings valued ideas to the table. It was my pleasure to nominate him for the leadership seminar and I am thrilled he's been selected to participate."

Sen. Peacock is serving his first term in the Senate. "I am very honored to represent the state of Louisiana at this leadership event," Sen. Peacock said. "I am excited about the opportunity to gather valuable information to better prepare me to do what I can to help improve the great state of Louisiana. I am also looking forward to exchanging ideas with my colleagues from across the nation."

A total of 50 legislators representing 48 states will participate in the 2013 Emerging Leaders Program. To participate in the program, legislators must have recently begun their public service in the legislature and must be nominated by their peers. One of the primary criteria for selection is the legislator's commitment to public service.

The 2013 Emerging Leaders Program is scheduled for Monday, July 8 to Thursday, July 11 at the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville. The State Legislative Leaders Foundation provides scholarships to state legislators chosen for the leadership program that cover the cost of participation.